

Donny, David, Derrick and Dwayne—mother-in-law to four daughters-in-law, and the grandmother to many grandchildren.

In August 1990, Evangelist Wright's husband, Elder Timothy Wright, began his pastoral duties and founded the Grace Tabernacle Christian Cerner COGIC. Her recent elevation to the office of Co-Pastor resulted from her tireless support of the Grace Tabernacle ministry. In the years prior, Evangelist Wright was a member of Washington Temple COGIC from 1958 to 1990 under the leadership of the late Bishop F.D. Washington.

In closing, Evangelist Wright has proven to be a great example to many young people that she has encountered.

CONGRATULATING JAMES J. HAGGERTY, ESQ., 2008 RECIPIENT OF THE GOVERNOR ROBERT P. CASEY MEDAL FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to James J. Haggerty, Esq., recipient of the 2008 Governor Robert P. Casey Medal for a Lifetime of Service presented by the Neighborhood Housing Services of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

For more than a quarter of a century, the NHS has faithfully served the greater northeastern Pennsylvania community by empowering individuals and families through home ownership, education and promotion, property rehabilitation and affordable lending. This work has resulted in thousands of educated homebuyers, over a hundred improved properties, and millions of dollars worth of investment into local neighborhoods.

NHS, as part of a national network of more than 230 community-based nonprofit organizations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, has created home ownership for lower income families, produced and managed affordable, high-quality rental properties, stemmed the tide of foreclosures that threaten to destabilize neighborhoods and local economies and helped to revitalize and strengthen neighborhoods.

Named as a tribute to the late Pennsylvania Governor Robert P. Casey, this award is intended to acknowledge the efforts of individuals who have faithfully invested their time and talents to the betterment of the quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania and, equally as importantly, to allow others to learn from their service.

As a former Secretary of State for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, James J. Haggerty has a dedication to public service that is the hallmark of his professional life.

Attorney Haggerty served as general counsel to his friend, Governor Robert P. Casey and steadfastly advanced their shared values for the betterment of the common good in the civic arena.

He is a highly accomplished businessman, community leader and man of the law, though topping the list of his many accomplishments is that of devoted family man. As a father of

seven and the grandfather of 12, his unique pride of heritage, ethic of service and spirited wit has been deeply instilled in his family and will no doubt continue to have a positive impact on the region for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Attorney Haggerty on this auspicious occasion. His example and commitment to service is an inspiration to all whose lives he has touched.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. NANCY SWANBORG

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Ms. Nancy Swanborg, long-time Director of the Women's Resource Center and Schoolcraft College employee, upon her retirement from an exemplary nineteen-year career in serving the public.

Ms. Swanborg obtained the position of Director of the Women's Resource Center in the summer of 1989. Through her vital leadership, Nancy has been recognized locally and nationally for her successful measures to remove the educational, financial, and legal barriers that face women. Nancy's vision to help women has inspired her to create a unique program called "From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips to Blue Chips", which is a college program assisting women to transition from home to the work force. Ms. Swanborg's work at the college is not limited to the Women's Resource Center. Nancy is currently working on writing a grant for the school; is instrumental in the implementation of a scholarship to assist women; and is a trustee for various Schoolcraft College Foundation Scholarships.

Nancy exerts energy well beyond her responsibilities with the Women's Resource Center and Schoolcraft College. Ms. Swanborg is extremely involved in the community through activities including, Threads of Power, Detroit Race for the Cure, and organized several campus-wide memorial services. Nancy is also a loving and devoted mother of two and grandmother of four.

Madam Speaker, for nearly twenty years Ms. Nancy Swanborg has been a devoted community leader in Livonia, Michigan. As Ms. Swanborg turns over the reigns of Director of the Women's Resource Center on May 6, 2008, she leaves a community who will surely miss her strength, commitment, and movement to empower women. Ms. Swanborg's accomplishments in her personal and professional life have ensured the greatness and stability of the Women's Resource Center for years to come. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Nancy Swanborg upon her retirement and recognizing her many years of loyal service to the community and our country.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. ARMY SGT. JOSEPH A. FORD

### HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on May 10, 2008, the Hoosier state lost another of its brave young men. Army SGT Joseph A. Ford died from injuries sustained when his vehicle rolled over in Al Asad, Iraq. SFT Ford was from Knox, Indiana, but had been living in New Albany with his wife, Karen Christina Grimm Ford. SGT Ford deployed to Iraq with more than 3,000 members of the Indiana National Guard's 76th Infantry Battalion Combat Team.

SGT Ford was known as an intellectual among his peers and comrades. He was drawn to military and ancient history, often carrying a book along with him. While in high school, Ford was a member of the fencing club. He choreographed the sword fight scenes in his school's production of "The Three Musketeers."

SGT Joseph A. Ford is an American hero. His sacrifice for our Nation, and our State, deserves our deepest respect and most heartfelt thanks. I, along with the towns of Knox and New Albany, mourn the loss of Joseph. His mends and family are in my prayers.

### HONORING JOHN F. BURNES FOR HIS SERVICE TO DUKE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY OF DURHAM

### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of John F. Burness, Senior Vice President for Public Affairs and Government Relations at Duke University. Mr. Burness will retire on June 30th after nearly 40 years of service in higher education. His has been a distinguished career that helped revolutionize the way universities handle communications and public affairs. In Durham, North Carolina, he has transformed the relationship between the town and the university in a way that few other institutions have been able to replicate.

After graduating from Franklin and Marshall College, where he currently serves as a trustee, John began his career in 1970 as Assistant to the President at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, rising through the ranks to become Deputy to the President for University Affairs and Secretary of the Stony Brook Council. From SUNY, he moved to the University of Illinois, where he was first Director of Public Affairs and then promoted to the newly created position of Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs. Following his time at Illinois, he returned to New York to assume the role of Vice President for University Relations at Cornell University. Regarded as a national expert in university public affairs, he became the founding chair of the Association of American Universities' Public Affairs Committee, as well as a founding member of the steering committee of The Science Coalition, a consortium of universities, scientific societies, and business groups that takes a grassroots approach